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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

KARAGHIOSOFF

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Title Retainer Device for Free Loose
Ends of Tightening ... Straps ...

Express Mail Label No.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 34]
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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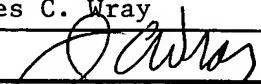
Prior application information: Examiner _____

Group Art Unit: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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| Filing Date | 07/25/2003 |
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 130 Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 205 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 465 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 725 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 320 | 2401 160 Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 140 Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 650 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 235 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 315 Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40 |
| 1809 | 750 | 2809 375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 750 | 2810 375 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 750 | 2801 375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 750.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Total Claims | 44 | -20** = 24 x \$18 = 432 | |
| Independent Claims | 4 | - 3** = 1 x \$84 = 84 | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

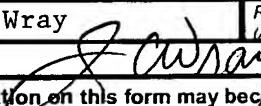
| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | |
| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 84 | 2201 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 280 | 2203 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 84 | 2204 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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